

*****Federal Targeted Watershed Grants Program*****
Notice to Potential Michigan Applicants
Process for Obtaining Nomination Letters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) recently released a request for proposals for the Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 Targeted Watershed Grants (TWG) Program (see below). This will be the fourth round of funding for the program. Previously, the TWG limited nominations to two (2) per state or tribe, and submission of the proposals was via the nominating entity. All applications must be nominated by a state or tribe.

Implementation Grant Program

2006/2007 Request for TWG Project Implementation Proposals -- Submissions due November 15, 2006

The nation's governors and tribal leaders are invited to nominate their leading watersheds organizations for the Agency's fourth round of Targeted Watershed Grants. For 2006, the USEPA will award up to \$16 million to as many as 20 of the nation's outstanding watershed practitioners. Nominations must be submitted by **November 15, 2006**. [NOTE: The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended to **November 15, 2006**].

Additional program information, application requirements and guidance, as well as summaries of past successful projects, can be found on the program web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/twg/>

There is no longer a limit on the number of proposals that can be nominated and applicants now submit proposals directly to the USEPA. **Applicants desiring a nomination letter from Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm** must submit the project abstract, narrative, and budget (elements 2B, 2C(i-vi), and 4) as described in the federal guidance (<http://www.epa.gov/twg/2006implementation-rfp.html#IV>) to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on or before **October 16, 2006**.

The MDEQ will review the submitted materials for consistency with the federal program guidance and impacts to state programs and fiscal resources. Nomination letters will be available for selected projects on or before November 10, 2006. Note: the state will decline nominating projects judged to be inconsistent with the federal guidance or deemed to have unacceptable impacts on state programs or financial resources.

Application elements can be submitted as hard copies or electronically. Hard copies must be delivered to the MDEQ, Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD) by 4:00 pm on October 16, 2004. The DEQ is not responsible for carrier delays.

Postal Address:

Attention: Robert Sweet
MDEQ – ESSD
P.O. Box 30457
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7957

Physical Address/Overnight Delivery:

Attention: Robert Sweet
MDEQ - ESSD
Constitution Hall, 1st Fl., North Tower
525 West Allegan Street
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Electronic submissions should include the application elements as Word or PDF attachments. Electronic submissions are due no later than noon October 16, 2006. An e-mail confirmation will be sent in response to all electronic submissions. Electronic submissions should be sent to: sweetr@michigan.gov and include "TWG Proposal" as the subject.

Additional information is available from the program website: www.epa.gov/twg/ or you may contact Mr. Robert Sweet, MDEQ, at 517-335-6967 or sweetr@michigan.gov